

SOME PROPOSALS

For a Second Settlement in the Province of Pennsylvania:

WHereas I did about nine Years past, propound the selling of several *Parts, or Shares* of Land, upon that side of the *Province of Pennsylvania*, next *Delaware-River*, and setting out of a Place upon it for the building of a *City*, by the name of *Philadelphia*; and that divers Persons cloied with those Proposals, who, by their ingenuity, industry and charge, have advanced that *City*, from a Wood, to a good forwardness of Building (there being *above One Thousand Houses finisht in it*) and that the several *Plantations* and *Towns* begun upon the Land, bought by those first Undertakers, are also in a prosperous way of Improvement and Inlargement (insomuch as last Year, *ten Sail of Ships were freighted there, with the growth of the Province, for Barbados, Jamaica, &c.* Besides what came directly for this Kingdom) It is now my purpose to make another *Settlement*, upon the River of *Susquehannagh*, that runs into the Bay of *Chesapeake*, and bears about fifty Miles *West* from the River *Delaware*, as appears by the *Common Maps* of the English Dominion in *America*. There I design to lay out a *Plat* for the building of another *City*, in the most convenient place for communication with the former *Plantations* on the *East*: which by Land, is as good as done already, a Way being laid out between the two Rivers very exactly and conveniently, at least three years ago; and which will not be hard to do by Water, by the benefit of the River *Scoalkill*; for a *Branch* of that River lies near a *Branch* that runs into *Susquehannagh* River, and is the *Common Course* of the *Indians* with their *Skins* and *Furs* into our parts, and to the *Provinces of East and West-Jersey, and New-York*, from the *West* and *North-West* parts of the *Continent* from whence they bring them.

And I do also intend that every one who shall be a *Purchasser* in this proposed *Settlement*, shall have a proportionable *Lot* in the said *City* to build a House or Houses upon; which *Town-Ground*, and the *Shares* of Land that shall be bought of me, shall be delivered clear of all *Indian pretentions*; for it has been my way from the first, to purchase their Title from them, and so settle with their consent.

The *Shares* I dispose of, contain each, Three Thousand *Acres*, for 100 *l.* and for greater or lesser quantities, after that rate. The *Acre* of that Province is according to the Statute of the 33th of *Edw. 1.* And no *Acknowledgement* or *Quit-Rent* shall be paid by the *Purchasers* till five years after a *Settlement* be made upon their Lands, and that only according to the quantity of *Acres* so taken up and seated, and not otherwise; and only

then to pay but one *shilling* per annum for every hundred *Acres* forever. And further, I do promise to agree with every *Purchasser* that shall be willing to treat with me between this and next Spring, upon all such reasonable conditions, as shall be thought necessary for their accommodation, intending, if God please, to return with what speed I can, and my Family with me, in order to our future residence.

To conclude, that which particularly recommends this *Settlement*, is the known Goodness of the Soyle, and Scituation of the Land, which is high & not Mountainous; also the Pleasantness, and Largeness of the River, being clear and not rapid, and broader then the *Thames* at *London-bridge*, many Miles above the place designed for this *Settlement*; and runs (as we are told by the *Indians*) quite through the *Province*, into which many fair Rivers empty themselves. The sorts of *Timber* that grow there, are chiefly *Oake, Ash, Chesnut, Walnut, Cedar, and Poplar*. The native *Fruits* are *Pawpaws, Grapes, Mulberys, Chesnuts*, and several sorts of *Walnuts*. There are likewise great quantities of *Deer*, and especially *Elks*, which are much bigger than our *Red Deer*, and use that River in Herds. And *Fish* there is of divers sorts, and very large and good, and in great plenty.

But that which recommends both this *Settlement* in particular, and the *Province* in general, is a late *Patent* obtained by divers Eminent Lords and Gentlemen for that Land that lies North of *Pennsylvania* up to the 46th Degree and an half, because their *Traffick* and *Inter-course* will be chiefly through *Pennsylvania*, which lies between that Province and the Sea. We have also the comfort of being the Center of all the English Colonies upon the *Continent* of *America*, as they lie from the *North-East* parts of *New-England* to the most Southerly parts of *Carolina*, being above 1000 Miles upon the Coast.

If any Persons please to apply themselves to me by Letters in relation to this affair, they may direct them to *Robert Nefs* Scrivener in *Lumber-Street* in *London* for *Philip Ford*, and suitable answers will be returned by the first opportunity. There are also *Instructions* printed for information of such as intend to go, or send *Servants*, or *Families* thither, which way they may proceed with most Ease and Advantage, both here and there, in reference to *Passage, Goods, Utensels, Building, Husbandry, Stock, Subsistence, Traffick, &c.* being the effect of their Expence and Experience that have seen the fruit of their Labours.

William Penn.